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With reference to note DDA/3-91/NCSA relating to resolution 45/56 B, entitled "Nuclear capability of South Africa", which was adopted by the General Assembly on 4 December 1990, having consulted the Ministry of Defence, Bolivia has the honour to submit the following reply:

(a) In the context of the policy that Bolivia has pursued in the international field, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons is an issue of great importance in view of its potential for ensuring the security of the region;

(b) The use of nuclear energy in the military field should, consequently, be limited or reduced, and every State has a responsibility for making every effort to deny South Africa access to resources that would allow it to increase its nuclear arsenal, particularly as that country's internal policies, until very recently, were diametrically opposed to the principles upon which the United Nations was founded.